Legislative Analysis



PRISON DATA AT CONSENSUS REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE

Senate Bill 799 (S-1) as passed the Senate

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SUMMARY:

<u>Senate Bill 799</u> would amend the Management and Budget Act to require principals of the Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference (CREC) to establish all of the following at both the January and May conferences:

- Projected prisoner population.
- Prison bed space availability.
- Custody staff requirements.
- Expenditures including operation of facilities and prisoner-related expenses.
- Cost per prisoner for prisoners under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections.

The bill would require the forecasts to be made for the fiscal year in which the conference is being held and for the next two fiscal years.

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BACKGROUND:

Current boilerplate section 248 within the Department of Corrections budget (Article V, PA 207 of 2018)¹ requires the CREC principals to establish the following for FY 2019-20 at the May 2019 conference:

- Projected prisoner population.
- Projected number of available beds based on the prison projection.

This provision was first added for FY 2017-18.

Currently the Management and Budget Act requires that the CREC principals establish a forecast for anticipated state revenues at both the January and May conferences as well as forecasts of Medicaid expenditures and human services caseloads and expenditures at the May conference.

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¹ http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2017-2018/publicact/pdf/2018-PA-0207.pdf

Additionally, Section 20 of the State School Aid Act, which establishes the foundation allowances in the School Aid budget, requires that the CREC calculate both a pupil membership factor, a school aid fund revenue adjustment factor, and an index calculated by multiplying the two factors together. The foundation allowance index is intended to assist the legislature in determining the growth in the foundation allowance for the next fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or on local units of government.

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